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Welcome to the latest GOSV News. July and August have been filled with celebration as we wrap up the AmeriCorps program year. From Garrett County to Worcester County, AmeriCorps members have created a stronger Maryland by serving their communities. Congratulations to the members, program staff, and service sites for a successful year!

There is still more to celebrate as the GOSV gears up for two events in August and September. Our office is once again taking the opportunity to thank all Maryland volunteers for their service at the Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Maryland State Fair on August 26. In addition, we are eager to help promote the regional Interfaith Day to Serve event taking place on September 29. Read on to find out more about both events and how you and your organization can get involved.

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Out of the Ordinary Volunteer Opportunities

Farm Volunteers (Prince George's County)

Join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation at Clagett Farm for their Day to Serve project on September 29. For more details, click [here](#).

PENCIL Partnerships (Baltimore City)

Join BVU's PENCIL Partnership Program to bring resources and expertise in Baltimore Public Schools. Click [here](#) for more information.

Social Media Specialist (Wicomico County)

Use your Social Media knowledge to assist the

Celebrating the Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day this Weekend

This Sunday, August 26, Governor Martin O'Malley extends an invitation to all Marylanders involved in volunteer service to spend a fun-filled day at the Maryland State Fair. All volunteers, friends, and family are welcome!

Remember to bring your State Fair pass with you to receive discounts on admission, rides, and food and drinks. Passes may be requested online by clicking [here](#); they must be printed and presented at the gate to utilize the discounts. For more information, visit our [FAQ page](#).

Please note: If you have requested volunteer passes but have not received an email with a PDF pass, please contact Julie Mendez at julie.mendez@maryland.gov no later than 4:00pm on Friday, August 24.

The Interfaith Day to Serve

Recently, Governor Martin O'Malley officially declared September 29, 2012 an interfaith day of service, calling on all Marylanders to engage in community service projects. The Interfaith Day to Serve is a regional effort by the states of Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In Maryland, service activities will build on Governor O'Malley's strategic goals of eradicating childhood hunger by 2015, and restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay by

Outreach/Public Relations Specialist in developing a marketing plan. Click [here](#) for details.

Cat Socializer (Anne Arundel County)
Volunteer cat socializers brighten the lives of cats and kittens while enjoying the playful affection of the feline residents. For more details, click [here](#).

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A website, [DaytoServe.org](#), has been created as a centralized source for information on this event. The website identifies regional partners; allows constituents, community groups, and organizations to sign up to participate; and provides individuals with the opportunity to locate service projects in their community.

For more information about the Interfaith Day to Serve, click [here](#).

AmeriCorps in Action: Time Well Spent

In June, Maryland Conservation Corps members went to Indian Head Spring in southern Maryland to plant aquatic grasses to prevent further erosion and provide wildlife habitat. MCC member, Jacob R., recounts his experience and the benefit of working with other AmeriCorps members below.

I've always enjoyed boat rides. The sun and the water are nice, but the noise is what makes the rides special. The wind and dull cry of the engine make any discussion impossible, so after a few brief attempts at yelling back and forth, I can face the breeze and take a moment to think.

I was in that situation on the first day of the Indian Head Spring Project. We were dropping grasses off at the planting site. The whole project focused around planting aquatic grasses in these coves along the island. [Click here to read more.](#)

The Baltimore Community ToolBank Wants to Power Your Next Project

Trying to find the tools needed to tackle your organization's next volunteer project? The Baltimore Community ToolBank can help! With their doors opening in June, the Baltimore ToolBank became the third affiliate of ToolBank USA and joined in the national movement to bring Tools of Change to our communities.

For just three cents on the dollar, the ToolBank provides access to an ample supply of tools including circular saws, hammers, cordless drills, safety gear, ladders, paint trays, and much more. If you're not sure how to operate a tool, or would like some project tips, the ToolBank staff and volunteers will offer their guidance when you pick up your supplies.

To begin borrowing tools, complete the membership agency application form at [Baltimore.toolbank.org](#). It's free to become a member! All visitations are by appointment only, so be sure to get in touch with ToolBank staff before arriving.

